

Introduced by Senator KnightFebruary 13, 2014

An act to amend Section 56001 of the Government Code, relating to local government.

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SB 1001, as introduced, Knight. Local government.

Existing law, the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000, makes certain findings and declarations relating to local government organizations, including, among other things, the encouragement of orderly growth and development, and logical formation and modification of the boundaries of local agencies, as specified.

This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to these findings and declarations.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 56001 of the Government Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 56001. The Legislature finds and declares ~~that~~ it is the policy
- 4 of the state to encourage orderly growth and development ~~which~~
- 5 *that* are essential to the social, fiscal, and economic well-being of
- 6 the state. The Legislature recognizes that the logical formation and
- 7 determination of local agency boundaries is an important factor
- 8 in promoting orderly development and in balancing that
- 9 development with sometimes competing state interests of

1 discouraging urban sprawl, preserving open-space and prime
2 agricultural lands, and efficiently extending government services.
3 The Legislature also recognizes that providing housing for persons
4 and families of all incomes is an important factor in promoting
5 orderly development. Therefore, the Legislature further finds and
6 declares that this policy should be effected by the logical formation
7 and modification of the boundaries of local agencies, with a
8 preference granted to accommodating additional growth within,
9 or through the expansion of, the boundaries of those local agencies
10 ~~which~~ *that* can best accommodate and provide necessary
11 governmental services and housing for persons and families of all
12 incomes in the most efficient manner feasible.

13 The Legislature recognizes that urban population densities and
14 intensive residential, commercial, and industrial development
15 necessitate a broad spectrum and high level of community services
16 and controls. The Legislature also recognizes that when areas
17 become urbanized to the extent that they need the full range of
18 community services, priorities are required to be established
19 regarding the type and levels of services that the residents of an
20 urban community need and desire; that community service
21 priorities be established by weighing the total community service
22 needs against the total financial resources available for securing
23 community services; and that those community service priorities
24 are required to reflect local circumstances, conditions, and limited
25 financial resources. The Legislature finds and declares that a single
26 multipurpose governmental agency is accountable for community
27 service needs and financial resources and, therefore, *that agency*
28 may be the best mechanism for establishing community service
29 priorities especially in urban areas. Nonetheless, the Legislature
30 recognizes the critical role of many limited purpose agencies,
31 especially in rural communities. The Legislature also finds ~~that~~,
32 whether governmental services are proposed to be provided by a
33 single-purpose agency, several agencies, or a multipurpose agency,
34 responsibility should be given to the agency or agencies that can
35 best provide government services.